MEETING MINUTES
Thursday March 16, 2006
10:00 am
Calvin Rampton Building, Large Conference Room

Attendance:

Doug Chandler (State, ITS)	Merv Gustin (Duchesne County SO)
Rick Bailey (San Juan County)	Nancy McConnell (State ITS)
Greggory Cluff (Utah National Guard)	Tim Cornia (State DPS)
Ken Imber (SLC Airport)	Andrew Archuleta, Major (Utah National Guard)
Tim Slocum (State Corrections)	Alan Broderick (Salt Lake City IMS)
Carol Groustra (State DPS)	Brent Ball (Summit County SO)
Bryan Low (Logan City PD)	Patsy Winchester (Weber County SO)
Mark Alexander	Gerald Adams (State DPS)
Floyd Ritter (State ITS)	Randy Auman (Logan City PD)
Travis Sylvester (State ITS)	Michael Fellows (UDOT)
David Shopay (West Valley City)	Aziz Kurd (Park City)
Armand Glick (Salt Lake County SO)	Lance Peterson (L3)*
Phil Bates (State DPS)	John Rogers (Wasatch County SO)*

*Teleconferenced

I.   Approval of Minutes
The January 15, 2005 minutes were approved without change.

II.   700MHz Mobile Data Update
Floyd Ritter reported that additional coverage was added to the MDN along I-15 between Millard County and St. George, as well as Weber and Box Elder Counties. Lewis Peak and Park City are scheduled to move from 460MHz to 700 MHz. The 64K speed upgrade is still being planned. Any suggestions for further infrastructure funding would be appreciated. The state is trying to keep the rate as low as possible by using grant funding and partnerships with local government agencies to reduce costs which must be recovered.

III.   OmniLink Funding
Phil Bates provided information on where legislative funding requests for OmniLink are. There are basically two pieces to the funding request; ~$150,000 for maintenance of the controllers, and ~$500,000 for the rest of the network. In the previous year, the request didn't even make it through the Governor's recommended budget. This year the Governor recommended it as a priority, and in the Legislative branch it made it to the Executive Appropriations sub committee, but didn't make it through. There is a push by a couple of Legislative Representatives to get that back on the agenda by asking the Governor to put it on the special session agenda, but we're not there yet. As a back up plan, the new Department of Technology Services may look to impose a new rate on State agencies, but not local agencies. This is an alternative to direct legislative funding. The immediate intent is to protect OmniLink from being turned off. The service should not be interrupted. Someone asked if DTS has come up with a formula on how State agencies would fund this. The answer was that they won't look at that until all other options have been exhausted.

IV.   **Broadband Wireless Initiative**
Boyd Webb reported the latest information on the State CIO's initiative for Broadband Wireless. Boyd passed out copies of a CD with the responses to the recent Request for Information (RFI). Information was requested from vendors on current products that are available and in use. There were 14 vendor responses (Motorola, Cisco, and IBM were among the responders). All 14 responders included products for use in the 4.9GHz spectrum. The next step is to develop a pilot project based on the information gathered so far. A successful pilot(s) will lead to a Request for Proposal (RFP). As the Wireless Ethernet Project Team Leader, Tim Cornia will lead an evaluation team which currently includes: Brian Low (Logan), Travis Sylvester (DTS), Jim Cook (St. George), Rich Howe (Weber Co.), Derol Simkins (DTS), and possibly someone with UTA, and Washington County. The team is still looking for someone from Salt Lake County and Utah County. Boyd went over the cd's layout and spoke about mesh networking.

V.   **Region 41 Plan**
The Region 41, 700MHz plan was submitted to the FCC. They sent it back with a request for more information on the meeting attendance list. They needed more on the attendance sheets than name, phone# and email address. They need mailing and street addresses of each person. The changes were made and the plan was resubmitted. Comments from the initial review were very favorable. Approval could come as early as 90 days.

VI.   **Next Meeting**
May 18, 2006
10:00 am
Calvin Rampton Complex
UHP Large Conference Room
4501 S. 2700 W.
Salt Lake City

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